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I OBJECT to this proposal.

1. Main access is opposite School Lane. This is already a traffic bottleneck at peak times, from School Lane along Templar's Way to Castle Lane. Adding that fourth arm to the School Lane roundabout will produce **hour-long traffic gridlock** backing up to the Asda Roundabout.
2. Flooding.
 1. Your own draft local plan #2040 (p 632) says
 1. Site affected by surface water flooding and a sequential approach is required
 2. In rainy weather, Templar's Way floods at the School Lane roundabout and further along School Lane, just North of where it crosses Castle Lane (pedestrianised). Both these sites have been flooding for the past 20 years, despite presumed drainage works to increase capacity. Since School Lane roundabout is your main access, cars from Velmore Farm **won't be able to get out**, because of greatly increased flooding, due to the concreting-over of the Velmore Farm open fields. Velmore Farm is also a large hill, and Templar's Way is at the bottom of the hill, so thousands of litres of rainwater will flood Templar's Way. **I want to see the drainage plan, and the works that have failed to resolve this over the past 20 years.**
3. I estimate 1000+ new schoolchildren will need places at the local schools. **I'd like to see the plans to cope with this.**
4. I estimate 3000+ new patients will register at St Francis Surgery. We already wait 4 weeks for an appointment. **Please show how this will be handled.**

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Subject: Velmore Farm development proposal 2040
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Hello,

I draw your attention to The Prime Minister's statement, reported today in The Times.

"... the Conservatives needed to do more to build homes for the younger generation. But he insisted that it was wrong to 'force' large new greenfield estates in the countryside, where there was strong public resistance, and not the available infrastructure to support the new development."

So there you have it; the statement of Government policy.